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Dear Renata Hesse:

I am concerned by what I am reading in the press about the decision in the Microsoft antitrust case. It appears that absolutely nothing is going to change in respect to the way Microsoft does business. It continues to be able to bundle web browsers and other application software into its operating system.

Since the settlement applies only to products that were in use from 1995-98, it won't stop Microsoft from repeating anti-competitive practices with current and future products. The new Windows XP system is even more invasive and monopolistic than the products that were mentioned in the case.

I urge you to enforce a decision in this case that will create a change in the situation and will force Microsoft to conduct business in a manner that allows free competition.

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